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To,

Ahmed Mahmood, IAS
Additional Secretary cum Director
Department of Science, Technology and Technical Education
Government of Bihar

Subject: Clarification regarding eligibility of Diploma Holders for admission to First Year B.Tech Programme as per Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2024-25 to 2026-27.

Respected Sir

Please refer to your email dated 18.02.2026 seeking clarification regarding the eligibility criteria of Diploma Holders for admission to First Year B.Tech Courses as per the provisions of the Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2024-25 to 2026-27.

In this regard, the clarification on the queries raised is as follows:

Sl.No	Question	Reply
1	Whether Diploma (Engineering and Technology) holders are eligible for admission to the First Year of the Four-Year B. Tech Programme as per above mentioned APH.	Yes. As per the NCRF framework, UG B.Tech requires qualification at Level-4, whereas Diploma in Engineering & Technology is placed at Level-4.5, which is higher than the minimum requirement. Hence, Diploma holders are eligible for admission to First Year B.Tech, in addition to being eligible for Lateral Entry (Second Year) as per provision in the AICTE Approval Process Handbook(APH).
2	If eligible, whether any specific conditions, subject requirements, or minimum marks criteria are applicable.	Passed Minimum THREE years / TWO years (Lateral Entry) Diploma examination with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in ANY branch of Engineering and Technology.

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3	Whether the eligibility of Diploma holders is restricted only to lateral entry (Second Year) or if they may also be considered for First Year admission	NO. Diploma Holders are eligible for first year admission. However, for diploma holders taking admission through lateral entry apart from above mentioned eligible condition at serial number 2, following additional condition is applicable: The Universities will offer suitable bridge courses such as Mathematics, Physics, Engineering drawing, etc., for the students coming from diverse backgrounds to achieve desired learning outcomes of the programme.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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